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GRINDING THE MILLS

Of the Philistines—The Fall of
Samson, the Theme

OF AN INTERESTING DISCOURSE

By Rev. Dr. Riker at the Methodist
Church last night—Bad Habits,
Once Formed, have an Awful Power,
Hard to Escape.

"Many a man and many a woman actually come to be what, at an earlier period in life, they would have scorned to be." This statement Rev. Dr. Riker made in his sermon last night and proved with copious illustrations. What the newspapers had said touching the subject his sermon was to treat upon might lead some, he said, to infer that his discourse would deal in personalities. But nothing was further from his intentions. Following the example of Christ, who took from the men and women around him the inspiration for his marvelous parables, he himself would adopt the theme uppermost in the minds of the people, and draw conclusions therefrom. A valuable lesson could be drawn from the downfall of the ex-chief of police; the newspapers were discussing the subject and the mind of the people was full of it.

No man, Dr. Riker said, who stood at the altar with the bride he was to marry, deliberately intended to break the heart of that woman; and yet a thousand men in Wheeling were breaking the heart of the wife whom they had sworn to love and cherish. No moderate drinker thought that at one time he would be reeling along the street of the city; and yet many would fall that low. No man occasionally visiting the haunts of vice, thought that the habit would finally enthrall him beyond escape; and yet with many that would be the result. No young woman of fashion, thinking of nothing but having a good time, expected to fill the depleted ranks of prostitutes; and yet many of them would—they must come from somewhere.

Some powerful illustrations of the debauchery of the will power by indulgence in bad habits were adduced by the preacher, the strength of the habit of drink being especially dwelt upon. The evil influence of bad women was told in the story of Samson, who, even after having been thrice convinced that Delilah sought his destruction, nevertheless failed to shake off her influence. The downfall of the chief of police was only used to picture the strait to which a once popular and honored man could be reduced by evil companions. No reproaches were cast upon the man himself, but the lesson taught by his downfall, caused by the debauchery of the will power, was used to inculcate in young men a horror of indulgence in bad habits.

Church Services.

Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope was unable to fill his pulpit at St. Matthews yesterday, owing to an attack of the grip, and no services were held.

At the Disciples church yesterday morning and evening Rev. Campbell Jones, of Pennsylvania, filled the pulpit. Rev. Mr. Hopkins preached at Mounts-ville last evening.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Andrew Blair, a Washington, Pa., newspaper man, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. F. K. Loomis, city editor of the Parkersburg State Journal, was here Saturday.

Frank Logan, advance agent of the "Royal Pass" company, is at the McLure house.

Homer P. Koen and Miss Koen, of Mannington, registered yesterday at the Stamm House.

A. P. Booth, of Mannington, and Engineer D. Dwyer, of the B. & O., stopped at the Behler last night.

Mr. Fred Happy is at Canton, Ohio, looking after some business connected with Mr. A. Reymann's large interests there.

James Henry, of Fairmont, Editor W. S. Wiley and Justus Eakin of New Martinsville, are registered at the Windsor Hotel.

Dr. Ed. Work is expected home to spend the Christmas holidays. He has been attending the Pennsylvania college of dental surgery.

E. J. Thomas, of Mannington, F. H. Pipes, F. V. Faulkner, of Mannington, and Dr. W. F. Vankirk, of Gratton, were at the Stamm House last night.

Miss Augusta Miller, of No. 2221 Eoff street, who has returned from Baltimore, was pleasantly surprised by her friends, seventeen couples strong. The affair was arranged by Miss Sophronia Miller, to whom the pleasure of the evening was largely due.

Word was received last week from Mrs. Thomas Walton, who is located at Vienna, Austria, that she and her daughter, Miss Lee, are quite well, and also that Miss Lee is taking a course in vocal training from one of the most finished professors in Vienna.

The West Virginians registered at the St. Charles yesterday were D. W. Dawson, of Parkersburg; H. H. Albright, of Parkersburg; J. R. DaKing, of Mannington; H. Horner, of Hundred; Charles Beckner, of Parkersburg; G. Knight, of Moundsville, and C. H. McGahan, of Keyser.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hubbard for the marriage of their daughter, Julia Payne Hubbard, to Mr. Wilson Irwin Kelly, December 31, at Forest, the handsome country residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, out the National road. This wedding

has been anticipated for some time by the friends of the couple, and it will be a notable event. Mr. Kelly, having purchased the residence of Mr. George Hook, on the island, they will be at home after February 1 at No. 106 South Front street.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

MARKET will be held at the Centre market house on Thursday evening instead of Friday morning.

THOMAS BURKE, of High street, was set on by toughs Saturday night on his way home and badly beaten up.

JOHN GILROY and Pat Gilroy, father and son, were arrested last night by Officer O'Brien for disorderly conduct.

The Electric Light commission, and the Council committees on fire department, police and cemeteries are called to meet this evening.

The new Smith brewing company will begin business as ale brewers today at the brewery formerly operated by A. E. Smith, who will be manager.

THERE is a movement on foot among South Side people to establish a park at the Boggs' run crossing of the electrical railway, and it is believed it will be a go.

AUCTIONEER W. H. HALLER sold at auction on Saturday lot No. 88, on Sixteenth street, belonging to the Wells' estate, for \$2,895 to Mrs. Catherine Prettyman.

FIRE alarm box 35, which was sent to the shop for repairs, has been replaced by an entirely new box sent in its place. Two dozen new gum coats for the members of the department have also been received.

The police have been instructed to strictly enforce the new ordinance against climbing the new electric light poles, or defacing poles by posting bills on them or otherwise. The boys would better look out or the gobbies will get 'em.

THE sheriff began Saturday the sale of the musical instruments and other goods attached to the property of T. A. Canfield, the music dealer who skipped. Better prices were realized than was expected, and the sale will be completed this morning.

THERE was no police court Saturday morning nor afternoon, but up to 7 o'clock last evening there were nine cases on the docket for this morning's session. Four of these were fighters arrested in North Wheeling by Officer Terrill, there were two drunks, one man accused of a filthy act in public, a fifth disorderly and John Caspert for whipping his wife. Devil arrested him, Herbert made one of the other arrests, Seably one and Creighton two.

A Christmas Cook Fight.

Among the festivities booked in the way of celebration of the holidays is a big cocking main to be given at the Fulton pit on Tuesday evening. There will be ten or twelve fights, two by Pittsburgh birds, several by chicks from Chillicothe, and the rest by Steubenville, Wheeling and Martin's Ferry roosters. A large number of sports from all of the towns named will be here to see the sport, and the event will probably be memorable in the annals of chicken fighting in this part of the country.

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NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Interest.

Three boats got away from the wharf yesterday for Pittsburgh—the Keystone State, the Ben Hur and the Lizzie Bay. The Congo was the Cincinnati packet, and left for that port Tuesday. The Corrier got away for Parkersburg at noon.

The new steamer Prince left for Natchez Saturday afternoon, with Captain Tom Prince and his family aboard.

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THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Is Sworn In and Takes the Office—Chief Delbrugge Induced to Leave.

Robert T. McNichol was duly installed in office Saturday afternoon as chief of police of the city of Wheeling, but not without some delay, which gave promise at one time of being accompanied by trouble. At 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon the committee on police approved the new chief's bond, on which were the names of J. E. Hughes, Charles H. Copp, John Waterhouse and John S. Naylor. The reappointment of all the old members of the police force was also sanctioned by the committee, and the matter turned over to Council to act on.

Council was in session, and in a very few minutes the bond was approved, the bondsmen qualified, the new chief sworn in, and the officer's oath administered to the police force. Council then adjourned, and Mayor Seabright accompanied Chief McNichol to the police office.

"Captain," said Chief McNichol to ex-Chief Delbrugge, who sat in the private office, "I have been duly elected chief of police by the City Council of Wheeling, and would ask you to turn the office over to me."

"I am advised by counsel," replied Mr. Delbrugge, "that I am the legal chief of police, and I do not propose to give it up."

"I don't want any trouble, captain," rejoined Chief McNichol, "but of course I propose to have the office."

Here Mr. Denis O'Keefe spoke up, and said he had advised Captain Delbrugge that he was the legal chief of police, and to hold on to the office. Col. Arnett was sent for, and when he arrived he and his colleague and City Solicitor Riley occupied some time discussing the merits of the case. The gist of Mr. Delbrugge's attorney's arguments was that Captain Delbrugge had withdrawn the resignation he had placed in the hands of the council committee on police, that council had no right to act on it after its withdrawal, and had acted illegally in electing another chief. Mr. McNichol could go into court, they said, and there test the matter. Mr. Riley claimed that all the formalities had been complied with, the new chief sworn in, his appointees on the police force approved, and that they had all been sworn under Chief McNichol.

This last information stumped Colonel Arnett. He had been informed by Captain Delbrugge, he said, that eighteen or nineteen of the officers would continue to obey him, and that under those circumstances he had advised him to refuse to give up the office, to which he was legally entitled. If the officers had all elected to obey Mr. McNichol, he would certainly not advise his client to make a fool of himself by retaining the office by force, but would counsel him to vacate quietly and seek redress in the courts. Mr. O'Keefe didn't want it that way, and Mr. Delbrugge and his lawyers desiring to consult together, the spectators withdrew to a corner of the room. In about five minutes Mr. Riley was called over, and Mr. O'Keefe informed him, that they had advised their client to leave quietly, but they wanted sufficient force shown to eject him from the office.

Mr. Riley replied that the new chief would have no objection to Mr. Delbrugge remaining in the office room as long as he pleased, and that, if an arrest were made, the new chief's bondsmen would be responsible for the legality of the act, and not the city, and that therefore a forcible ejection would not benefit Captain Delbrugge's case before the courts. This settled it, and the ex-chief's lawyers advised him to leave the premises, and he could, if he wished, take his case into court. Mr. Delbrugge followed the advice, and after the crowd in the corridors had left, walked out of the office.

At six o'clock roll call Chief McNichol made a little speech to his deputies. He announced the appointment of Officer Gaus as night lieutenant, and that all orders of the lieutenant should be obeyed as if they came from the chief himself. He also hoped that any ill feelings or former animosities, if there were any, would be buried by the men, as they would be by himself. Any officer becoming intoxicated while on duty would be dismissed, as also any officer who visited a house of ill fame except in the discharge of his duty.

Officer Frohne will be placed on a beat in the Fifth ward, relieving Officer Watson, who will go to the Second ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Officer Gaus. The appointment of day lieutenant has not yet been made.

MUSICAL DRAMA AT THE MOUNT.

A Successful Entertainment by the Pupils Saturday Afternoon, which was Largely Attended.

Saturday afternoon a large audience gathered in the music hall at Mt. de Chantal academy to hear the presentation by the pupils of the musical drama, "The Mice at Play." It was given in an artistic manner, which won the approval of all. Wheeling's own girls in the cast, as usual, did exceptionally well, among them being Misses Mamie Grubb, Ida Rice and Blanche Hanse. The following is the cast of characters:

King Edward III..... Cecelia Sullivan
Queen Philippa..... J. Shullcross
Edward, Black Prince..... J. Thayer
Isabel..... J. Royall
John..... J. O. Conna
Joan of Kent, their cousin..... L. Coleman
Dame Gyllian..... J. E. Schmidt
Dame Berley..... J. M. Grubb
Cecily Saxebox..... E. Connor
Scott Lundy..... J. B. Conna
Alexia de la Motte..... J. A. Hartigt
Henry de la Motte..... L. Kidrick
Jacqueline, Tower Warden..... E. McCracken
Zelina..... J. J. Smith
Janina..... J. E. Schmidt
Stewart..... J. King
Fitz Allen..... J. A. Thayer
Scene—Tower of London.

The elocution class, the members of which were taken to give this theatrical treat, is a new feature this year, and is in the hands of Miss Simonte, a trained elocutionist. The vocal and instrumental part of the programme was a treat that was not unexpected, for the

institution is renowned for that feature of yesterday's programme.

The violin duet by Misses M. Dunson, Anna Thayer, and Miss Blanche Moran, accompanist, was beautifully performed.

Miss Ida Rice, daughter of A. L. Rice, surprised every one with her sweet singing of "The Lost Girdling." Miss Blanche Moran, of Eminton, Pa., who this year will receive the gold medal for instrumental music, played Liszt's Rhapsodie Hongroise without notes and in a measure not to be excelled.

Miss Mamie Grubb performed a gypsy dance and charmed everyone with her ease and gracefulness.

The Waltz Song, by Arditti, sung by Miss Eugenia Schmidt, of Pittsburgh, was worthy of that young lady's reputation and proved that she is entitled to receive the gold medal for vocal music, which will be bestowed on her next June, and will be the first ever given in the institution. Miss Anna Lang, a graduate of Mt. de Chantal, delighted the audience by a harp solo, and was compelled to respond to an encore. The musical programme was brought to a close by a violin trio by Misses M. Duncan, A. Thayer and E. Sullivan, after which all repaired to the refectory, where refreshments were served, and the bazaar was held. Many beautiful articles were displayed and sold, the proceeds going towards buying memorial windows for the chapel. Taken altogether the affair was as creditable to the institution as any of the public performances which have won for its pupils and teachers a high reputation.

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MEER—At Philadelphia, on Saturday morning, December 19, 1891, WILLIAM S. MEER, of this city, aged 45 years and 6 months.

Funeral from his late residence, 3102 McCulloch street, on Tuesday, December 22, at 10 o'clock a. m. Friends of the family are invited. Interment at Peninsula Cemetery.

[News Copy.]

SCHILL—On Sunday, December 20, 1891, at 1:20 a. m., MRS. SCHILL, wife of George Schill, aged 57 years.

Funeral from the residence of her husband, No. 812 Market street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend the services. Interment private, at Peninsula Cemetery.

KERN—On Sunday, December 20, 1891, at 12:10 p. m., MARGARET M., daughter of Henry and Thilie Kern, aged 4 months.

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ENLOW—At Helena, Mont., on Friday, December 18, 1891, MARY R. ENLOW.

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